the report was sent for Hindi translation in September, 1994 and Hindi version of the report was received in April, 1995. Steps are being taken to make copies of the report both in Hindi and English for placing the same before both Houses of Parliament in the current session.

Legal Aid Scheme in Punjab

4811. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Legal Aid Scheme for the poor and weaker sections of the society is available in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/District-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to create awareness in the matter among poor people of the rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per existing Legal Aid Scheme, every citizen whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs.6,000/—is eilgible for free legal aid upto High Court level. This income-limit is, however, not applicable to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Women and Children etc.

(d) Legal Literacy is one of the programmes adopted by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS). Under the programme, Legal Literacy Camps are organised in the rural areas by the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards and social Action Groups with the financial assistance provided by CILAS. Booklets, pamphlets etc. for legal awareness are published in the regional languages for distribution at these.

Report of the Committee to revise the fee payable to Notaries

4812. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by the Central Government to revise the fee payable to the Notaries has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) what action has so far been taken by Government on the findings of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) A Committee was set up in March, 1994 to review and study all aspects relating to the administration of the Notaries Act, 1952 and the rules made thereunder. The Committee has since submitted its report which contained recommendations for amending various provisions of the aforesaid Act and rules. The report is under examination of the Government. No final decision has been taken on the recommendations contained in the report.

Establishing High Court Benches at Madras

4813. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2784 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) when the Tamil Nadu Government last approached Madras High Court on this issue, the details thereof;

(b) when the Central Government last approached the State Government on the issue;

(c) what steps do the Government plan to implement the recommendation;

(d) whether any construction of buildings, other requisite needs have been undertaken by the State Government in order to take an appropriate decision by the Madras High Court on the issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The requisite information is awaited from the Government of Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House on its receipt.

(b) to (e) In her letter dated 7.8.91, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had undertaken to provide all necessary infrastructural facilities indicated by the Madras High Court for estalishing a Bench of the High Court at Madurai. The position was intimated to the Chief Justice of the High Court vide Central Government's letter dated 4.11.91 under intimation to the Chief Minister, which happens to be the last communication from the Central Government to the State Government on the issue. The Chief Justice of the High Court intimated vide his letter dated 12.11.91 that the High Court had constituted a committee of three Judges to submit a report regarding the requirements for the estblishment of High Court Bench at Madurai. The Chief Justice has further intimated vide his letter dated 11.1.95 that the Committee constituted on 12.8.91 did not give its report and two of the Judges of the Committee are no longer with the High Court. Therefore, a new Committee has been constituted. Thus no complete proposal has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, in consultation with the Chief Justice of Madras High Court. As such it has not been possible for the Central Government to consider the recommendations of the Jaswant Singh

उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में बायोगैस संयंत्र

4814. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में स्थापित किए गए बायोगैस संयंत्रों का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उक्त राज्य में उन ग्रामों की संख्या क्या है जिन्होंने सामूहिक आधार पर बायोगैस संयंत्रों को स्थापित करने के लिए अपनी इच्छा व्यक्त की है;

(ग) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश में बायोगैस संयंत्रों की स्थापना करने के लिए वर्ष 1995 और 1996 हेतु कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

अपारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) (क) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य सरकार ने पिछले तीन वर्षों अर्थात् 1992-93 से 1994-95 (फरवरी, 1995 तक) के दौरान कुल 30,000 से अधिक परिवार आकार के और 104 सामुदायिक, संस्थागत और बिष्ठा आधारित बायोगैस संयंत्रों की स्थापना की है। जिलावार सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है **(नीचे देखिए)**। इसके अलावा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग आयोग तथा अखिल भारतीय महिला सम्मेलन द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में इसी अवधि के दौरान क्रमशः लगभग 14,200 और 580 परिवार आकार के बायोगैस संयंत्र लगाए जाने की सूचना है।

(ख) राज्य नोडल एजेंसी नामतः अपारंपरिक ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी (नेडा) को इस समय किसी गांव से सामूहिक आधार पर बायोगैस संयंत्र की स्थापना के लिए कोई अनुरोध प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। तथापि उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य के लिए वर्ष 1995-96 में 45 सामुदायिक, संस्थागत और बिष्ठा आधारित बायोगैस संयंत्रों की स्थापना के लक्ष्य का प्रस्ताव किया गया है।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए 10,000 परिवार आकार के बायोगैस संयंत्र स्थापित करने का अनंतिम लक्ष्य आवंटित किया गया है। इसके अलावा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग आयोग तथा अखिल, भारतीय महिला सम्मेलन को आवंटित समग्र लक्ष्य में से उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य हेतु लगभग 5000 संयंत्रों के लक्ष्य का प्रस्ताव किया गया है।